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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

At one time, the opening of the new school year signaled an abrupt end to the more free flowing traffic of summer and the start of overnight gridlock. With the implementation of our Beat the School Jam program and some reprieve with more staggered school openings, we've been able to more or less dodge the proverbial bullet.

Still, ongoing work for our H-1 Corridor project provided us with significant challenges as the school year began. In spite of those difficulties, we were able to complete re-paving of the eastbound lanes of the H-1 from the Kapiolani Interchange to Punchbowl Street off-ramp.

Prep work and re-paving of the westbound lanes began as scheduled last month, requiring closures of those lanes Sunday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. During overnight closures, all motorists must exit by the westbound Kapiolani Boulevard on-ramp, and can return to the freeway at or after the Punchbowl Street on-ramp.

In addition, the second major seismic retrofitting project along the H-1 Corridor is underway, with work being performed on the Lunalilo-Vineyard and Maikiki off-ramps. Most of the work is being performed at night while the westbound lanes are closed for resurfacing, with little additional impact on traffic.

Waterline work on H-1 frontage roads and ramps continues. Overall, waterline work is currently 50 percent complete. Near Kahala Mall Shopping Center, contractor Green Thumb, Inc. is continuing to landscape the area surrounding the Waialae Avenue off-ramp. The state is working with the contractor to add more greenery on the mauka side without additional cost.

In next month's H-1 Task Force newsletter, watch for information on the Punahou Street Off-Ramp Widening project, which will provide its own challenges. Work is expected to begin sometime around November 2000.

Many residents are helping themselves maneuver around the work by utilizing the H-1 Hotline. The hotline is open during the day and whenever the contractor is working at night. It is intended to provide drivers with immediate information and feedback, and people seem to be appreciative of the resource. In turn, we appreciate the input and helpful suggestions.

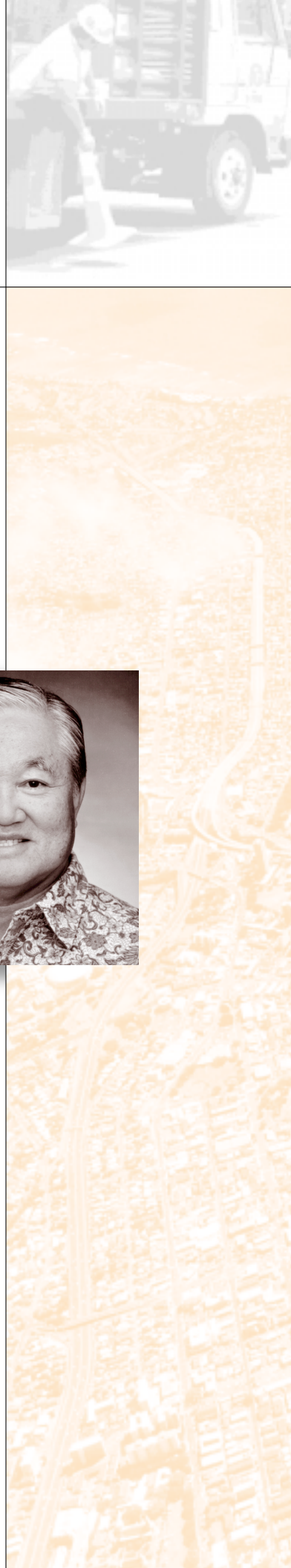
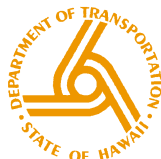
We've also been receiving additional input via e-mail and our web site, www.state.hi.us/dot. For those who want automatic information from the DOT sent to them by e-mail, they may sign up on our web site. Notices and updates are posted daily. To sign up, log onto our web site, go to the "H-1 Corridor," and click onto "Subscribe to H-1 e-mail update."

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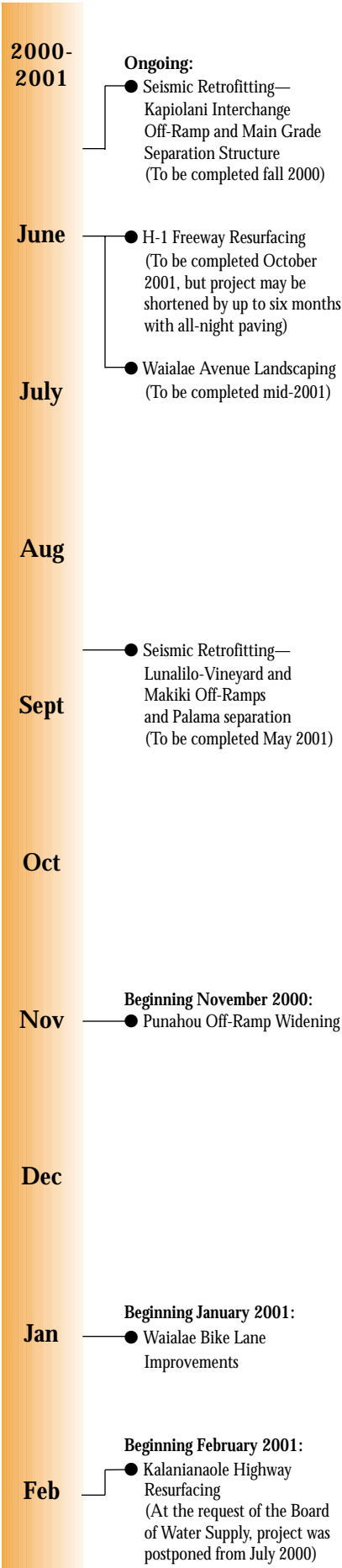


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H-1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TIMELINE



NEW SEISMIC RETROFITTING UNDERWAY NEAR THE LUNALILO STREET ON-RAMP

The state's second major H-1 seismic retrofitting project of this year has begun. Work is currently being performed on the Lunalilo-Vineyard and Maikiki off-ramps.

The work involves reinforcing highway bridges and overpass structures, using specially designed hardware and engineering methods. This will allow a structure to withstand much greater earthquake forces with less structural damage, making the H-1 safer.

Currently, Hawaiian Dredging is adding concrete blocking to the abutments and footings near the Vineyard off-ramp. Ground work is scheduled to be completed prior to the westbound H-1 re-paving to both minimize the impact on traffic and to avoid having to resurfacing the freeway again.

Additional work for this project will include the installation of cables/pipe



restraining units for the freeway superstructure to comply with new earthquake design standards, as well as fiber wrapping of columns to prevent column bursting.

The entire project is scheduled to be complete in May 2001.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF H-1 PROJECTS

LOCATION	DAYS / HOURS	PROJECT	TRAFFIC IMPACT
H-1, from the Kapiolani Interchange to Punchbowl St.	Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-5 a.m.	H-1 Resurfacing	All westbound freeway lanes closed
	Sunday, 9 a.m.-Monday, 5 a.m.		Possible one freeway lane closure in the eastbound direction
H-1, near the Vineyard St. off-ramp	Sunday-Thursday, 8 p.m.-5 a.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closures (to coincide with nighttime freeway closures)
Bingham St., near the Punahou intersection	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work	Block closure; local traffic allowed
Lunalilo St., between Ernest and Keeaumoku Streets	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work	Block closure; local traffic allowed
Metcalf St., between Alexander St. and the McCully/Dole intersection	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work	Street closure; local traffic allowed
Ward Ave., between Kinau St. and Kinalau Place	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Water Line Work	Lane closure
Kapiolani Blvd., west, between Old Waialae Rd. and King St.; and South King St., east, at Kapiolani Blvd. Intersection	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closure
Harding Ave., east, between Kapahulu and 1st Avenues	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Seismic Retrofit	Possible lane closures
Waialae Avenue, near Kahala Mall Shopping Center	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Waialae Avenue Landscaping	Lane closures in either direction